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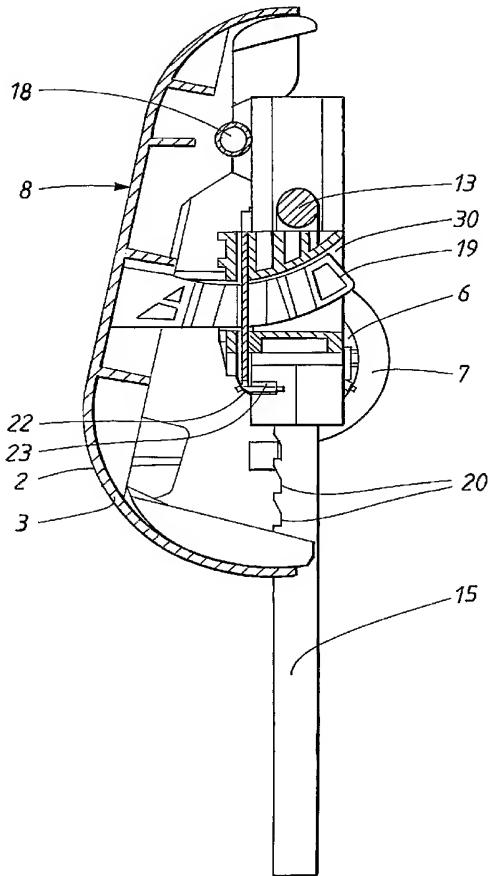
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(54) Title: IMPROVED HEAD RESTRAINT



(57) **Abstract:** A head restraint (1) for use in motor vehicles and comprising a support (5) for supporting the head restraint and fixing the head restraint to the backrest of a vehicle seat, the support (5) comprising a carrier (12) and at least one support leg (14, 15) coupled to the carrier (12), together with an adjusting arrangement (6) for adjusting the position of the head restraint in relation to an occupant of the motor vehicle. The carrier (12) is enclosed by a casing (2), which is rotatably connected to the support (5) along an axis of rotation (18) running essentially at right angles to the support leg (14, 15). The adjusting arrangement (6) comprises a locking plate (22), and an operating element (7) acting upon the locking plate (22) and designed to carry the locking plate (22) in a direction essentially parallel to the axis of rotation (22), the locking plate (22) having one locking tongue (28) designed to interact with an adjusting arm (19) firmly connected to the casing (2) and having locking elements (21) defining at least two separate locking positions on the adjusting arm (19), and one locking tongue (26, 27) designed to interact with locking elements (20) arranged on the support leg (14, 15), defining at least two separate locking positions on the support leg (14, 15).

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